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Page 3, delete lines 10-13.

Page 3, before line 14, insert the heading -- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --.

Page 3, line 14, delete "which the" and insert - The --.

Page 3, between lines 15 and 16, insert -- DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please cancel the abstract as printed in the front page of the PCT publication, and insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as submitted in the appended sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the sole claim of the PCT publication as follows:

-- 1 (Amended). A microcell base station for a multilayer radio communication cellular network, comprising a wire interface [(5)] for connection to a wire access network [(6)] and an air interface [(8)] for communicating by radio with mobile station in accordance with a time division multiple access operating mode, with signal frames each divided into a number N of successive timeslots, wherein telephone communications involving a

can be established through the wire network by means of the wire interface and the air interface, [and] wherein the air interface is arranged to transmit a radio signal in each timeslot of the frames on a beacon frequency, wherein the signal radio transmitted on the frequency comprises a beacon signal carrying signalling information, in at least one timeslot as long as at most N-1 of the timeslots of the frame on the beacon frequency are occupied by communications with mobile stations, and wherein the air interface stops transmitting the beacon signal when the N timeslots on the beacon frequency are

occupied by communications with mobile stations .--

mobile station located within radio range of the equipment.

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